

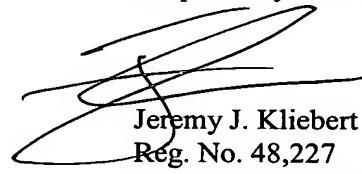
**R E M A R K S**

Consideration and allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 - 15 remain in the case.

Claims 3 – 4, 6, 9 – 12, and 14 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to conform to U.S. style. New Claim 15 has been added. Claim 15 was added to correct the multiple dependency in Original Claim 14. No Claims have been amended to overcome prior art. No new subject matter has been added. Thus, the full doctrine of equivalents applies to all claim elements.

Entry of this Preliminary amendment and a favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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